

UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT

## Removal of Etmekjian called for by 11 point petition

by DENNIS REDMOND

Copies of a petition containing 165 signatures calling for the removal of Dr. James Etmekjian from the chairmanship of the foreign language department have been sent to Dr. Michael V. Karnis, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Earle M. Bigsbee, vice-president of academic affairs, and Dr. Thurston E. Manning, president of the University.

According to a spokesman for the petitioners, the signatories include foreign language majors and students who have taken foreign language courses at the University. The representative said that the 11 point petition has been "written out of despair."

The petition concludes that: "The lack of organization, flexibility, and imagination in the foreign language department has caused an attrition in language majors, a disinclination of lower classmen to major in languages, and a general lack of morale. We consider that these conditions are directly attributable to Dr. Etmekjian's chairmanship and request that he be removed from said position."

The spokesman said that if no corrective action is taken by Dean Karnis or Vice-president Bigsbee by next week, further immediate action is planned by the petition initiators.

Vice-president Bigsbee said that the matter should first be handled at the college level, which is the office of Dean Karnis. "I am disappointed in the matter; no matter which situation is correct, I would strive to find an objective solution to it," he added.

Dr. Karnis, who is attending a conference in the state of Washington this week, said before he left that he will be happy to talk with the dissatisfied students when he returns next week. "It behooves me to find out why the students feel this way," he stated. The A&S dean called the petition an "explosive thing."

Dr. Etmekjian labeled the document "baseless, dangerous and defamatory" and added that it is "full of erroneous assumptions, half-truths, distortions and even un-truths." He said that he

hopes very much that for the sake of their consciences as well as for the good of the University and its students, that they (the petitioners) will retract the statements.

One of the petition organizers insisted that no retraction will be made and emphasized that they are waiting for administrative action.

The spokesman said that many language students refused to sign out of fear of recrimination. Also, the representative reported that many other students did not sign because they have not taken languages and felt that they could not sign something they didn't know anything about.

Dr. Etmekjian remarked, "I am not sure that all those who affixed their signatures to the petition were fully aware of what they were signing and for what purpose."

In the letter to the administrators, the petitioners request that Vice-president Bigsbee "invite meetings with individual foreign language faculty members as well as language majors and other language students to discuss the petition."

Vice-president Bigsbee said that he will have some group make a judgment after listening to students and faculty, if the issue reaches his office. "I am interested, but I don't plan to step into it until Dean Karnis returns and gets the whole story from both sides," he said. The vice-president did say that the dean of a college can remove a department chairman from office without the approval of his office.

Dr. Karnis said that a petition like this tends to place students in the position of judging the professional competence of people they are not prepared to judge. He felt that there is some evidence that faculty members had a part in the writing of the document. "If this is true, it would be both lamentable and unfortunate," he commented.

The petition spokesman said that it was entirely instituted and written by language students. The spokesman stressed that the petition was neither suggested nor written by faculty members. Dr. Karnis praised the work of

the foreign language department, saying that the direction of the department has been "Cooperative, resourceful and imaginative." The dean questioned why the petition was submitted so late in the academic year.

The spokesman explained that the document was finalized in May because they were hoping for curriculum change and wanted to take time to make sure that all the charges were true. "We don't consider the petition to be libelous; we consider it to be written in fact," the representative commented.

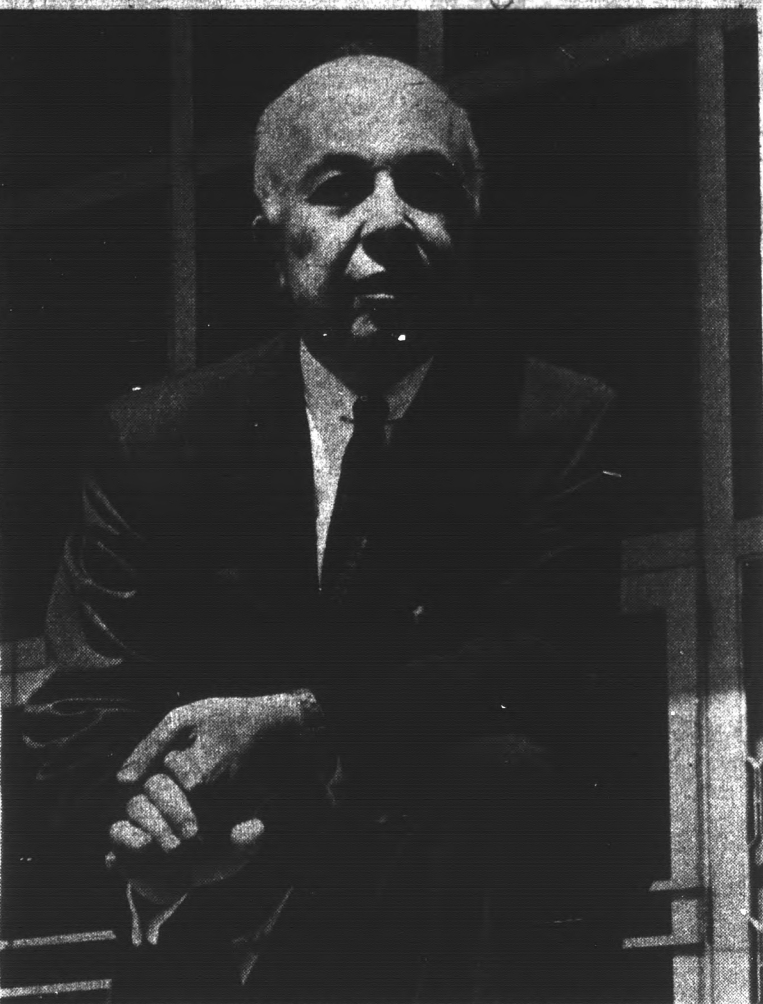
Another portion of the letter to the administrators states, "If Vice-president Bigsbee can assure us that its confidentiality will remain intact, we will give the petition and signatures to him." Speaking to this statement, the vice-president said, "I will guarantee its confidentiality if they want to file it in my office but I am not going to ask them to prove the number of signatures."

Chris Dufresne, the University senator from the College of Arts and Sciences, sent a letter to Dr. Karnis, Vice-president Bigsbee and Dr. Manning voicing his support of the petition.

## Petition is "baseless, dangerous and defamatory," says Etmekjian

Points in the petition requesting the removal of the chairman of the foreign language department range from charging "insensitive treatment of faculty members" to "erratic scheduling of courses listed in the catalogue." Dr. James Etmekjian, the object of the document, has stated that the petition is "baseless, dangerous and defamatory" while a spokesman for the signatories said that "the petition speaks for itself."

The first point of the petition speaks of "a lack of depth and imagination in the overall foreign language program." The petitioners' spokesman said that this clause is in reference to the language survey courses which the representative feels lack in



(Photo by Muniec)

DR. JAMES ETMEKJIAN

imagination.

In responding to this charge, Dr. Etmekjian explained how every significant movement in French, Spanish and German literature is covered. He also spoke of genre courses, phonetics courses, civilization courses, specialized literature courses and an independent study program. In addition, the department chairman referred to Italian, Hebrew and Latin on the 101-104 level and Russian 101-206. "If this isn't depth, I don't know what is," he remarked.

The second point of the petition charges "inadequate counselling and information explaining available opportunities for study abroad and/or graduate studies in the U.S." This charge continues, "Unwillingness to allow study during the summer in American universities, even when the University does not offer the course in question."

Dr. Etmekjian called this statement absolutely false. He referred to the table and bulletin board adjacent to his office which contains various brochures on foreign study. He also spoke of a file in his office that includes a

listing of programs of foreign study. Dr. Etmekjian mentioned the University's involvement with CADIE, a program that promotes friendship between the United States and Argentina. This summer's study in Austria program was also cited.

The petition's spokesman felt that language students are not encouraged to participate in these programs and added that the "procedures are made difficult."

Commenting on the charge concerning unwillingness to allow students to study in the summer at other American universities, Dr. Etmekjian said that he refuses a student to study elsewhere when the other course shows a difference time-wise and content-wise.

Point number three concerns curriculum and its scheduling, and is in two parts. The first section charges "erratic scheduling of courses listed in the catalogue" and cites two courses, "17th Century French Literature, imperative for French majors, has not been given in seven semesters," and "History of the Spanish Language, listed in the

## Bridgeport mayor won't sign NCPF treaty

City Hall was the scene of an anti-war demonstration Tuesday by 60 members of the New Coalition for Peace and Freedom of the University of Bridgeport.

The students were refused entrance to the building when they attempted to see Mayor Curran without an appointment. Their purpose was to have him sign the People's Peace Treaty and thus declare Bridgeport a "liberated city." The mayor refused.

Four delegates from the University then gave a copy of the treaty to Police Chief Joseph Walsh, who put it in his pocket saying he would "read it later." The delegates were: Kevin Shan-

ley, John Ginetti, Adrienne Butvinik and "Piggy."

Ginetti delivered a short speech on the steps of City Hall, suggesting that "everyone go in and apply for fishing licenses" in order to gain access to the building. He also stated that the demonstrators were "wasting their time with this bureaucratic bullshit and should go into the community to gain support and signatures."

It was suggested that perhaps if they returned to City Hall after they receive 5000 signatures, the mayor would reconsider his decision not to sign.

After the crowd dispersed, (Continued on page 6)



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ELLEN DeFILLIPIS, a junior sociology major, answers one of the phones at Aegis, a student help center for problems of any type. Open every night from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Aegis is a student volunteer service, and what they can't handle, they can refer you to. All problems will be handled in strictest confidence, from draft counseling to birth control information. The campus extension is 755, and the two outside lines are 354-0185 and 354-2115. If you've got a problem, call or drop in.



# The Empire Builders — it's food for thought

The University theatre's black stage alit Thursday night on a phenomenon. A Schmurz.

He appeared stage right, crouched and silent.

Almost immediately, the stage was peopled by other actors who pretended not to see the Schmurz, but talked their way through their play and beat him mercilessly.

During Act I, the small audience laughed at the seemingly senseless, repetitive brutality. But the Schmurz didn't laugh. After Act I, the audience didn't laugh either.

The Schmurz appeared mummified in newsprint strips that told the story.

What Story? That of "The Empire Builders," a play by Boris Vian, directed by F.A. Lindsay.

It told how, ubiquitous, Schmurz forever awaited a family of Empire-Builders as they moved

to higher and higher stories in a nameless apartment building. They always lost a little of their dignity, too, as they ascended higher and higher, both haunted and signalled by a bestial, heart-beat like sound.

And under the wrappings of the Schmurz lurked...

In reviewing the current campus production of "The Empire Builders," it must first be noted that after the fine initial sound effects and the visual effect of the Schmurz, Act I proved to be disappointing.

In Act II the play became dramatically effective. While rambling wordiness and thin symbolism had characterized the first act, theatrical action and involvement characterized the second.

Sally Thompson, an instructor of the Theatre Department, particularly shone in the second

act as a graceful mime enacting the role of the Mother.

She and Christopher Zoller, a theatre arts major who played the Father, gave the play its professional aura.

Zoller was outstanding in another scope, wringing tension and meaning from the third act climax, which found him and the Schmurz, played by Joel Pesko, alone on the stage.

The symbolic play perhaps indicted the establishment too much in generalities, but pointed to an establishment which built for the future so fast that it didn't see the present, an establishment manipulating its world so fast that only its young could "remember," an establishment which whistled in the dark, "Our example is indeed exemplary," when its example was indeed hypocrisy, short-sightedness, and the confused sacrifice of its children.

The mother explained this sacrifice very simply to the daughter of the play, Erica Rafael, by stating it was a sacrifice of "the flower for the fruit."

To which the daughter asked, "Is Father the fruit?"

And under the wrappings of the Schmurz lurked... and both fruit and flower will find food for thought in "The Empire Builders."

Pauline Gravelle

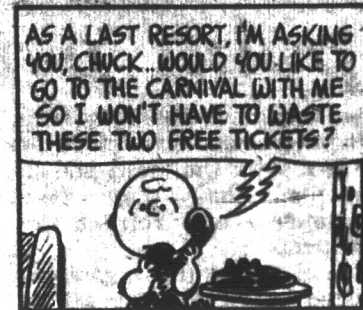
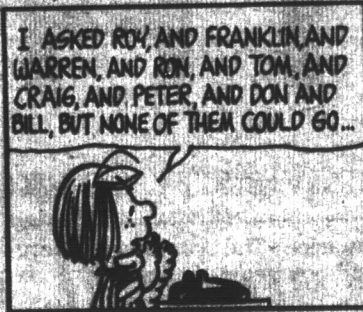
The world record for hand-shaking was set by President Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), who shook hands with 8,513 people at a New Year's Day White House presentation.

## "Mulch" to aid in growing of new grass

The peculiar looking fuzz implanted on the grounds of the new dorm has deceived many people.

Anticipating all kinds of emerging greenery to enhance the appearance of the front entrance, many students thought of it as fertilizer.

But according to Bill Nolan, of Buildings and Grounds at the University, it is mulch, "the purpose of which is to protect the



## Youth opinion polls to be made by campus classics

This summer, Campus Classics Collections will conduct the largest youth opinion poll ever attempted in the U.S.

To date, all published opinion polls have originated, from an adult point of view. Campus Classics will improve this procedure by basing their testing on questions submitted by students and newspaper editors. The survey will be called "The Student-Editor Sound Off Poll."

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"If damage occurs in a room it is charged to the two students who live in the room or if one admits he did it, I only charge one," he said, explaining the University methods of billing. Regarding damage to public

lobbies and hallways, the rules are set forth in the University publication Within These Walls, and according to Rolnick, strictly enforced. "The students in a residence hall will be held responsible for any deliberate damage occurring on their floor or in their hall. . . . Repairs for vandalism in the public areas of the residence hall which is caused by unknown persons will be charged to the entire floor or residence hall."

Rolnick added, "when damage occurs we have two choices; do nothing or raise room rates. If we did nothing eventually we would have no furniture left. Therefore

we have no choice but to raise rates to pay for these damages. One way or another the students themselves pay for all damages and stolen furniture."

Rolnick would like to see undergraduates working within the Housing Services office in a University accredited course. He feels perhaps this would enable the Housing Services to have more rapport with students who have housing problems.

"I think if we could work together we could solve this whole problem," he added. "For after all, we're here to serve the students."



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## Washington Insight

### The Going of Ulbricht

By Joseph Kraft

WASHINGTON—A couple of years ago every look into the future pointed to a leadership change in East Germany as an event that would set the world agog. But practically nothing happened the other day when Walter Ulbricht resigned after 25 years as Communist boss in Pankow. How come?

The answer is that the Communists have consolidated their hold over Eastern Europe beyond serious challenge. The West no longer has even a working theory for bringing freedom to the area. So the Russians and their political allies are pretty much free to do as they please.

The most striking mark of the consolidation is what has happened in East Germany itself. The building of the Berlin Wall in 1961 stopped the flow of skilled workers to West Germany. Since then the East German economy has taken off.

The country now ranks sixth or seventh in the world in gross national product. It is, after Russia, the leading economic power in the Communist world, and the standard of living in East Germany is far higher than in any other Communist country.

With East Germany securely in tow, nailing down the Communist hold on the rest of Eastern Europe has been relatively easy. The push for political and cultural freedom which surfaced briefly in Poland and more dramatically in Czechoslovakia was crushed in 1968.

Now the only open avenue for change is through economic improvement. Hungary, under the leadership of Janos Kadar, has moved far down that road. Poland, under the new leadership of Edward Gierek who replaced Wladyslaw Gomulka after the food riots early this year, is plainly trying to follow suit.

But economic advance on the Hungarian model works to increase dependency on the Soviet

Union. It is no wonder that at the 24th party congress in Moscow last month Russia had, as rarely in the past, the solid support of the East European bloc. Even Rumania and Yugoslavia, once so defiantly independent, are now minding their manners.

The more so as they receive scant encouragement for a more independent line from the capitals of the West. For most of the post-war era, there have at least been prevalent notions about how outsiders might best help the East Europeans.

During the first decade of the cold war there was much talk of liberation through an assertion of strength and truth. That talk was shown to be illusory at the time of the Hungarian and Polish risings of 1956.

The notion of detente diplomacy in Eastern Europe was then developed. The idea was that an easing of tensions between Russia and the United States would create a relaxed climate in which the East European countries could assert themselves. That hope was shattered when the Russians and their East European allies moved in on Czechoslovakia in August 1968.

Since then, there has not even been a point of departure for the development of a unified Western position on Eastern Europe. The State of the World message delivered by President Nixon to the Congress last February was particularly defensive about detente between the NATO countries and Eastern Europe.

"A major question for the alliance to face," it said, "is whether we can overcome the East-West stalemate while maintaining unity among ourselves and avoiding internal divisions in our country."

In these circumstances what looked like a leap in the dark becomes the safest of transitions. Joking easily about advancing

years, Mr. Ulbricht steps down as party secretary. His designated successor, Erich Honeger, takes over amidst a new show of fealty

to the Soviet Union. The Russians, at no cost, and without hardly anybody even noticing it, thus turn one of the truly tricky corners in post-war history.

More is almost certain to come. You don't have to be a Cold Warrior or a Vietnam-Firster to see that the Russians have pursued a steady, long-term policy in Eastern Europe. A phase of that policy—the secure domination of the area even after the post-war settlement period—has been completed. So much success is bound to generate further steps in the same direction.

With their hinterland secure, the Russians are now in good position to begin poking about in Western Europe. The next phase in world diplomacy will probably see a Soviet effort to thin out the American presence on the continent. Nobody has to fly in a panic about this. But neither is it any service to pretend, as 100 million East Europeans fall more and more into the Communist grip, that nothing is happening.

## LETTERS POLICY

Letters to the editor of The Scribe are welcomed, and The Scribe will attempt to publish all letters received. Names of authors will be withheld on request, but all letters must be signed, including address and phone number to verify authenticity. Brief, typed (double-spaced) letters are preferred. The Scribe reserves the right to edit letters in accordance with its style book. Libelous statements cannot be printed.

## Letters To The Editor

### Worthless

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Everyone is fully aware of the unusually large number of illnesses that have hit the campus recently, and although, according to campus authorities, these illnesses did not reach epidemic proportions (which is a matter of opinion), the number was large and the types of illnesses varied. Although the role of the infirmary on campus is not usually considered a major issue, I would like to question the capabilities of those in charge (specifically the doctors), who deal with the sicknesses of the students, especially when these sicknesses become widely spread.

On March 30, 1971, I went to the infirmary for swollen glands. The nurse felt there was enough need for me to see the doctor. The good doctor looked down my throat and felt my glands (that was the extent of the examination) and told me that there was nothing he could do for me. I told him I did not feel right and I was tired constantly. Nevertheless, I was dismissed after being given the usual cure-alls of the infirmary: coricidin and gargle. (Coricidin are cold tablets; I had no sign whatsoever of a cold).

The next day I felt worse; I went home and saw my family doctor, who proceeded to give me a thorough examination and two blood tests.

Friday, the doctor called with the results of the blood tests, and told me that I had mononucleosis.

The crux of the matter lies in the competence of the doctor that treated me while I was at school. If my home doctor could see the need for further examination in the form of blood tests, why couldn't the doctor at school see the same thing, especially when I told him that I knew I was not well? Fortunately, I had enough persistence to realize that I needed medical help, and went to my own doctor. But what about other students who are brushed off with gargle and lozenges, but who are genuinely sick, and who accept the doctor's decision at face value? I think these students, as human beings if nothing else, deserve better treatment than this. I feel that this University should re-examine the infirmary's methods for dealing with students who maintain they are ill. Until then the infirmary's position on campus is, in my opinion, a worthless one.

Shelley Ant

### Vote Dufresne

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Looking at all the campaign bullshit plastered all over the walls, bulletin boards, and trees I find nothing but just exactly that (B.S.). Students for Classes are running a slate of candidates and they are promising anything and everything that their little heads can think up, but even if they wanted to do any of the stuff they propose they wouldn't be able to,

as none of them has had any experience in student government. If all of them are elected then student government would be completely lost because there would be no one left to tell them what to do, (would you believe Steven B. Thayer??).

The other candidates are a little bit better, but they too have come up with numerous little gems which will, according to one candidate, "bring the campus together," and according to another, "end student apathy." Another candidate makes reference to his dissimilarity, (or is it similarity) to a particular kind of fish. I could go on and on, but to summarize the content of the platforms and personalities responsible for these platforms refer to the sixth word of the first line of this letter, and underline it about ten times.

But all is not lost; there are a few candidates with something behind them besides their backsides, empty space and SFC. In the College of Arts and Sciences, Chris Dufresne is running for re-election. He has been working for student government for three years in many offices, including co-chairman of Freshman Week, and University Senate for two years. Besides experience, his ideas are actually intelligent. Do yourself a favor—VOTE DUFRESNE.

(name withheld by request)

### Poor Timing

#### TO THE EDITOR:

What has now become the annual campaign to end the war in May has ended in complete failure. As usual, however, The Scribe, mainstream of literary commentary, was right there obtaining exclusive coverage of the April 24th and MayDay activities. Unfortunately, these news events took place one and two weeks ago respectively prior to the paper's publication date, i.e., May 6.

Your arm-chair liberal staff deserves recognition for another abortive attempt at converting this Scribe's copy into a banal, so-called radical newspaper. The articles on the Spring offensive were not only timed poorly, but indeed, appeared as if they were copied directly from the myriad of literature handed out in the streets of D.C. in the preceding weeks. Of course, the precautionary article about tear gas might be invaluable for the remaining "Spring Activities." Maybe the UB students who read the article will be prepared when the Guard comes marching down University Ave. in the ensuing weeks.

You mentioned in the editorial the inadequacy of the national news media for their coverage of the events, when, in fact, you are just as inefficient as they are in reporting news. Furthermore, the UB students who supposedly "gave up" Spring Weekend to go to the Capitol to demonstrate are lauded as martyrs commensurate to those killed at Kent

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# Letters To The Editor

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and Jackson State. Everyone knows, first of all, that sacrificing Spring Weekend to go to the bathroom is probably a more rewarding experience. Finally, to suggest that civil disobedience would close down the government, let alone end the war is, indeed, ludicrous. The effect of this pernicious demonstration of May 3 was not only playing into the hands of Washington bureaucrats, but invalidating any good done in the events of the previous week, i.e., Vets and April 24th demonstration.

The Scribe would be wise to re-examine the Jules Feiffer cartoon (see Editor's note below) that appeared opposite the editorial page, depicting an insane demonstration; a member of "The Rennie Davis Dynamite and Destruction Society." Is the creation of a civil war in order to end the war in Southeast Asia the best alternative solution? I hardly doubt it.

Right off Scribe,  
R. Charles

**Editor's Note:** Due to an error on the part of our printer, the cartoon cited above which bore the name "Jules Feiffer" was in reality a weekly syndicated political cartoon drawn by Pat Oliphant.

## Was hell

### TO THE EDITOR:

As one of the people from Bridgeport who went to Washington, I feel that a lot of what happened in that city will never be fully known or understood unless one was there. Amidst cries from fellow students that The Scribe did an inaccurate job of reporting exactly what happened, let me try to some degree set the record straight. I was there, and it was hell.

The news media, or whatever you want to call that prejudiced bastion of news unworthiness, capitalized on the sensational activities which occurred — overdoses of drugs, bad trips in Potomac Park, students trashing in the streets, and students' verbal abuse of the police. What the news media forgot to tell was the cause, and not the effect... the police brutality — brutality that rightly deserves the D.C. officers the term "pigs." Pigs they were, and they displayed their characteristics with fervor.

I went to Washington as a reporter for The Scribe and left Washington a very sad.

Jules Feiffer

depressed individual. So for my brothers and sisters that were still in prison; depressed for the fascist state that this country has become. It is not a pleasant thing to watch people you love being arrested for no other reason than that they are there. Washington was a city without law... only the law of the billy club. I saw the atrocity of D.C. Coliseum, where I spent two hours walking amidst freezing people. I was looking for a fellow reporter who had been busted earlier that morning, and who had been bailed out. However, prisons were refusing to recognize release forms... a tactic used by the government to prevent students from leaving the prisons and getting out on the streets. I searched practically every prison in D.C. that I was allowed to and everywhere it was the same. In D.C. Prison, approximately 16 people were crowded into cells that could barely accommodate two. The practice field next to JFK Stadium, was a concentration camp, a term which has most often been used to describe that hell-hole, and which is the most accurate. I spent most of the time crying... this couldn't happen here! But it did, and those people that chastise the demonstrators for their actions have no justification in their condemnation. If any one group is to be chastised, try the D.C. Police, Att. Gen. Mitchell, R.M. Nixon, and all the other pigs who condoned the military action. The government may have succeeded in jailing the bodies of the people, but they can't jail the spirit. This was just the beginning. Now we know the shit that has to be stopped... and it will be stopped, somehow. Has Washington radicalized me? Fuck yes. All power to the people.

Giabriele S. Ceruzzi

## God help us

### TO THE EDITOR:

The editorial in Thursday's SCRIBE supporting the so called "Bridgeport 24" showed a total lack of responsibility. How can you, in good faith, applaud the actions of these people? The right to dissent has been, and hopefully always will be, a cornerstone of American democracy. That peaceful protest can be an effective means of protest is shown by our continuing troop withdrawals from Vietnam. But this D.C. protest was different. These people did not go to Washington to protest peacefully. Rather they went with the expressed objective of shutting down the government. You ask "How any student can turn on the 7 p.m. news, watch the atrocities going



Photographed by -Bevins

Pile-up.

on in the streets of Washington, and not feel some disaffection to the flag?" I can answer that I turned on the 7 p.m. news, watched the "atrocities" going on, and felt only disgust at the antics of "our brothers and sisters." Instead of a sincere protest against government policy, I saw protesters stalling cars in the streets, jumping on the hoods of other person's cars, stealing distributor caps from the engines of cars tied up in a traffic jam, dumping garbage in the middle of the street and setting fire to it, etc., all done to cause as much confusion, and to create as much disorder as possible.

This is not a blast at the peace movement. We all want to bring an end to killing in Vietnam, an end long overdue. Rather, it is a blast against the cheap acts of vandalism and destruction that took place in Washington this past week under the guise of peace.

You yourself, said that the actions taken were not to protest the war, but rather, "an open denial of the present governmental system." Brothers and sisters, that is not protest, but revolution. Worse yet, if actions like those of the past week continue, I'm afraid the American people will react with such a backlash, that we may yet experience the fascist state of which you speak. May God help us all if that should ever happen.

John Florek

## Violence?

### TO THE EDITOR:

I believe that I was in Washington, D.C. this weekend. But upon

reading your "news" last week, I am questioning my actually being there. I saw a lot of things, but I read of few of them. I also read quite a few things, but saw none of them. If you think it is confusing, think of how I feel.

The term "violence" played quite an important part in all of the articles. But I read of the violence of the protesters, not of the police and service men. I read of garbage cans being placed in the streets by protesters, quite violent compared to the police dispensing tear gas liberally, and of soldiers armed with rifles and bayonets. I read of protesters loitering in the streets trying to talk to people about a war that is being fought by this country with our tax dollars. I read of the drivers who aimed their vehicles towards the demonstrators where they saw the slightest opening. Is talking more violent than attempted hit and run?

I was glad to see that the Capitol was not disrupted by the demonstrators and managed to carry on "normally." It was my first Monday spent in Washington. I'm surprised to find out that it is normal to have the streets filled with tear gas. Is it normal to have the streets and bridges filled with armed troops?

I can finally see why we need the draft — in order to carry on activities "normally." I wonder if it is normal at Georgetown University to shoot tear gas at students trying to leave the campus. On "normal" days, it must be tough for the Washington Redskins to practice, since their practice field is used as a prison for anti-war demonstrators. I

wonder if on "normal" days they arrest 7,000 people in one day — that means a total of 49,000 per week! The government must be a fine organization to work for if employees come to work three hours early every day. Enough of the "normalities" of our Capitol on Monday, May 3.

I did see a few pictures in the paper. One was of a long line of army jeeps, another of policemen in long lines with night sticks and riot helmets. A third picture was of a protester held at arm's length by a police dog and an officer and at the other end by an officer with a night stick in his hand. Why didn't I see pictures of the violent demonstrators in action?

Today, I am so confused I skipped reading the casualties from the war on a "normal" Monday. I also missed reading how many bombing missions we flew over both North and South DMZ zones on that "normal" Monday. I'll let the Congressmen read those figures since they object to the "violence" of the demonstrators.

John Vibbert

**Editor's Note:** The two preceding letters were received prior to Tuesday's edition, which contained featured coverage of MayDay activities.

## Miracle

### TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you to all who were responsible for the very impressive lunch served on New Student Day, Saturday, May 8, 1971. You really outdid yourselves. I must congratulate you. If any parent, after eating the meal served in Marina Dining Hall, allows his son or daughter to come to the University next year, it will be a miracle.

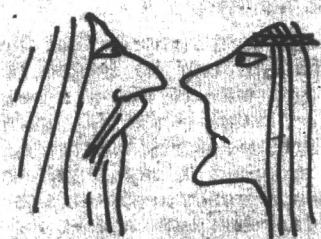
Standing outside in the rain, fitting the occasion, the parents and new students were herded slowly inside Marina. The lines were long, and for what? They were served dry salami, baloney, ham and cheese. It turned my stomach. It was worse than any smorgasbord they could have given. On top of this, WPKN added to the atmosphere with non-student, for that matter, non-parent music. Everything fitted in, even the \$1.25 all outsiders had to pay to try to eat the meal.

I thank you again for showing the true U.B. in living

Thank you,  
Warren Barclay

The longest time spent in the saddle of a horse is 38 hours by Joseph Roberts of the Leicester School of Equitation, England, in the Wimbledon Common-Putney Heath area, Greater London, on May 15-17, 1968.

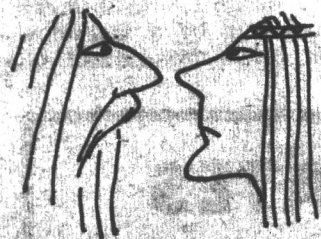
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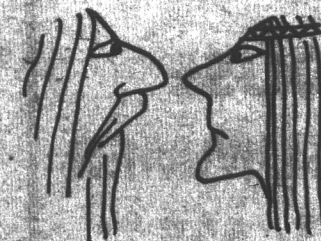
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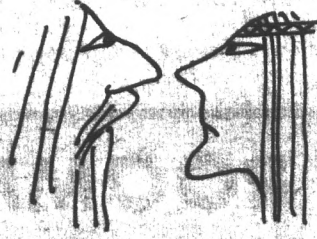
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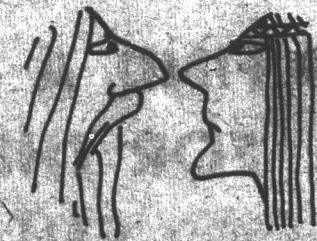
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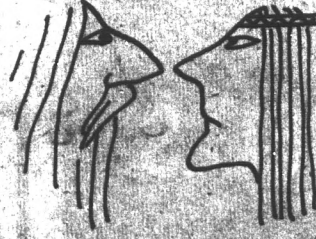
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YOU HAVE HANG UPS.



BUT WHAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND  
IS AFTER FIGHTING ALL DAY  
TO ACHIEVE THOSE GOALS—



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THE SAME OPPRESSIVE  
SYSTEM.



WHY DO I HAVE TO  
COME HOME TO A  
DIRTY COMMUNE?



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## Single room drawings disappointing to many

This week, the long-awaited annual room drawings were held. To compound its usual hectic condition, complications arose this year concerning the big move for many from a floor or dorm which is going co-ed. Where will I go? Who will come over to Bruel-Rennell with me? These and other questions came up as the night for the room drawings drew close.

On Monday, May 10, drawings were held for those who wanted to reserve single rooms for next year. Close to 50 female students waited anxiously to vie for 21 available single rooms across the whole campus. Not even all the seniors, with their seniority privileges, were honored. Dozens were turned away. There just weren't enough to go around. Juniors and sophomores didn't even have a chance. Of these, many were girls who had been turned down resident assistantships, due to the displacement of several R.A.'s from Warner, whose rooms were to be vacated and used for office space. These

girls, who had applied for the position in order to save money and gain privacy in the first place, now will have to pay an extra \$150 if they still want a single bed enough.

The University did not foresee the great demand there would be for single rooms. Although this is not remediable at this time, perhaps the fee for using a double room as a single should be lowered so that the large number of girls (and boys) requesting a room to themselves would not have to be either flatly turned down or asked to pay an extra fee, which is at the moment exorbitant. The dorms are not so full that a few more rooms with an occupancy of one will cause any housing problems for others due to lack of room space. In fact, it has been estimated that the dorms will be pitifully empty next year, and rooms will be in abundance. If all the people who originally applied for single rooms were honored, the price could easily be reduced without a substantial loss of profit.

## People Present Treaty

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Linda Schleider, a freshman journalism student, approached Chief Walsh, and reminded him that she had seen him at the recent Law Day Symposium. She and two other journalism students, Mary Westwood and Carolyn Terry, were then ushered into the mayor's office for an exclusive interview.

In the course of the interview, Mayor Curran aired his views on Vietnam, Congress and student activists. He said that one of the things that impressed him unfavorably about the demonstrators was their dress.

When asked why he had refused to acknowledge the peace treaty, he stated that he thought it was an "invalid document." A strong supporter of the Nixon Administration, Curran also said

"I have the obligation to do what I think is right for the citizens of Bridgeport."

Students at the demonstration said that it was generally peaceful, and that the four police present remained calm towards the crowd.

Their comments, however, were the comic relief to an otherwise tense afternoon. One policeman asked Shanley if he was the head of the Connecticut Communist Party. Another queried, "Isn't there anything else happening on campus?" Still another made the observation, "They go to college to get stupid."

The comments of the police may or may not have been prompted by the crowds chanting of "Today's pigs are tomorrow's bacon" and similar anti-establishment slogans.

Perhaps the most searing comment made that warm Tuesday afternoon was by a member of the force of Bridgeport's finest. It was in reply to one student's question as to why he carried a gun.

"We carry guns in wartime as well as peace," he answered.

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## Etmekjian removal called for . . .

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catalogue since 1964, has never been given."

Dr. Etmekjian said that the French Literature course is not required for majors and was offered in 1968 and will be given next semester. Concerning the Spanish course, he said that although this course is not offered, there is a language history class which is more enriching for the student. He indicated that this course (French 402) is offered every fourth semester.

Earle M. Bigsbee, vice-president for academic affairs, has made a diagram of foreign language course scheduled over the past several years and said that he found a definite pattern of regularity in the scheduling.

The second part of point two charges: "a lack of cohesion and long-term planning of courses in specific languages makes scheduling a three or four program impossible."

Dr. Etmekjian also called this statement false and said that there is regularity in the scheduling of required and basic courses. He also spoke of the advisory program for upper-class language students in which a faculty member helps the major plan his or her schedule.

The student spokesman said, "How can the advisors help the student when they themselves do not know what is being offered?"

The language laboratory is the subject dealt with in point four of the petition. It charges "a lack of innovation and flexibility in the language lab program. No full time language lab personnel exist, and Dr. Etmekjian does not consider new solutions to the language lab even though many have been proposed," it continues.

"This charge is utterly and completely false," stated the foreign language department chairman. He said that Claude Paquette is the department's full-time language lab instructor who devotes his time to the lab in addition to teaching one French course.

Dr. Etmekjian, who has been department head for six years, cited some of the changes in the language lab since his assumption to the chairmanship, "1) we have made complete change in lab procedures, 2) we have introduced visual materials in lab, 3) we have acquired a respectable selection of records,

phonetics, prose, poetry and songs, 4) we have introduced lab testing and 5) the staff has revised commercially bought material. If these are not innovations, I don't know what are," he added.

The student spokesman said that language labs are boring and rarely start on time. "Quite often the lab instructors do not know how to speak the language of the lab and are not able to answer questions and help in pronunciation," the petitioner commented.

The next section charges that Dr. Etmekjian imposes his personal choice of texts. "Dr. Etmekjian insists that his text, originally written for high school students, be used for four semesters of French 101-104," it reads.

Dr. Etmekjian called this charge false, saying that the French staff chose the book among others during the second or third year that he was here because of dissatisfaction of the book already purchased. He also said that last year one of his books was replaced but, "the change proved detrimental to the students. The truth is there, but they (the petitioners) have never bothered to find it out."

The spokesman said that the faculty members have put in requests in the past for other texts but their requests have not been granted.

Point six concerns several charges including, "Lack of independent study on the undergraduate level with the instructor of the student's choice. Refusal to allow qualified undergraduate students take 500 level literature courses."

The foreign language independent study course is not offered in the program book, but Dr. Etmekjian said that any student may come to him and the course will be arranged. He cited one such student who took this course last semester.

The petitioners' spokesman stated that the independent study course should be listed and offered openly. "You learn more in an independent study course than in a lecture class; it is a means of developing maturity in the field and fluency in the language," the representative commented.

Speaking on the charge of refusal to allow students to take 500 level literature courses, the language department chairman

said that this is an administrative regulation in which the dean's permission must be given.

The spokesman said that in the past, Dr. Etmekjian has refused to allow qualified students, fluent in French, to take a 500 level course. "As a department head, he should encourage able students to petition the dean rather than just saying no," the representative added.

In this area, Vice-president Bigsbee supported the department chairman's statement, saying that Dr. Etmekjian has been following University regulations all along.

The next point charges that because there are no 200 level literature courses for the major, the student is ill-prepared to make the jump into 300 level literature courses. "(This) causes 300 level courses to be watered down," it continues.

The spokesman feels that there should be 200 level courses so that "the student can be given the tools for mature criticism."

Dr. Etmekjian remarked that this statement that students cannot make the transition is false.

Another point states, "Dr. Etmekjian's insensitive treatment of faculty members since his assumption of the chairmanship has caused an above average turnover of faculty."

Dr. Etmekjian cited instances of personal, economic and health reasons as to why faculty members have left the department.

The student spokesman said that "It is hard for him to see that reasons for departure have been definite communication problems all along."

The next charge comes under the section of "Student Problems" and states "Dr. Etmekjian's rigidity and failure to consider the problems of individual students, e.g. his refusal to allow students attend a language lab section other than the one assigned to their lecture class when their schedule provides no alternative."

The final charge states that there is "no student participation in departmental governance."

Dr. Etmekjian said that this is "not completely true since students participated in our self-study two years ago in addition to serving on the student advisory committee last year."

## Arts and Humanities Center runs into construction problems — again

The Arts and Humanities Center has run up against some definite problems. Not the least of which is lack of funds. The proposed opening for the Center is September, 1971. Presently, it looks as if construction on that site has all but ceased. Few of the inside structures have been completed, and the saucer-like addition we have all been waiting to see has not even been assembled yet.

Of the features already

assembled in the building, it has been noted and commented upon by several music majors that the music practice rooms have been grouped together in blocks. Although they are theoretically soundproof, such a close proximity will more than likely cause at least some conflict of sound. Imagine a student practicing violin next to a room with a jamming drummer, separated only by a foot-thick hunk of brick. No amount of

soundproofing is that good.

According to Chris Dufresne one wall of the concert room is made of glass. An architectural degree is not needed to figure out that glass is not the type of substance to be used between two walls which are supposed to be soundproof. The sound of glass vibrating from the bass notes of a saxophone will hardly enhance sound quality.

It has been rumored that the gymnasium can no longer be used for concerts, due to a new city ordinance concerning such use. Because of this, the theatre, now proposed to accommodate 900 people, really needs seats for 1500, Dufresne continued. It may be the only answer to our where-to-hold-a-concert problem.

But do we have the funds? No. For some reason, we ran out, and the new Arts-Humanities Center, when (and if) it opens will more than likely be grossly underfurnished. Who underestimated? This Center has been in the planning for close to five years, and under construction for almost three.

According to University President Manning, the Center "will" be open for student use next semester. But when it will be of any practical use is another question.

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# 1971-72 Scribe staff elected

All of the organizations on campus have elections in the spring semester and the Scribe is no exception. The Advisory Board of the local version of the N.Y. Times has announced the members of the 1971-72 Scribe editorial board.

Doug Bevin, a junior from Bolton, Conn., will assume the post of Managing Editor, succeeding Jon Tenney. Doug has experience in the capacities of



Chris Lyons

reporter, photo chief and edition editor, as well as being arrested while on assignment.

The positions of edition editors will be filled by Rose Venditti and Cathy Allen, both journalism

majors. Cathy will command the Tuesday edition and the junior from Charlton, Mass., brings experience as a former reporter, news editor, sub-news editor and edition editor.

Rose, a freshman from Schenectady, N.Y., takes over as the Thursday editor. She flashes credentials as a former edition editor on the Linton High Highlights and as a reporter for the Scribe.

Gabrielle Ceruzzi and Ken Best will hold the responsibilities of Tuesday and Thursday copy editors. A freshman philosophy major from Port Chester, N.Y., Gabby is a former Scribe reporter and staff member of her high school yearbook and newspaper.



Rose P. Venditti

The editors for the 1971-72 season of the sports pages will be Mike Cerullo and, yes fans, Barbara Warzecha.

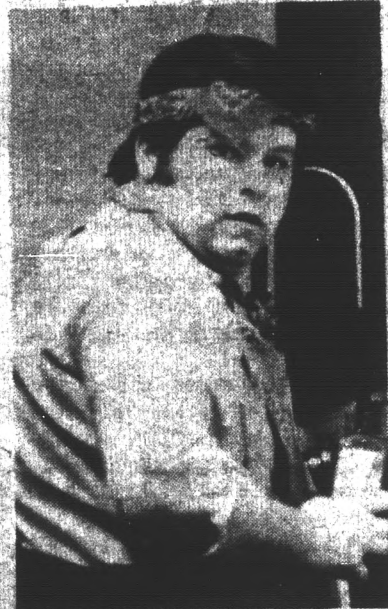


Gabrielle Ceruzzi

Barbara is a sophomore journalism major from East Hampton, Conn. who will take over the reins of the Tuesday sports sheet.

A biology education major from Norwalk, Conn. Mike is a second year man who is a frantic sports fanatic.

Pauline Gravelle will be the new culture editor. She is a sophomore from the Park City of Bridgeport and a former advertising rough copy writer and researcher. Pauline has also



served as editor of the "Staff Notes," the Bridgeport Public Library and as editor of the initial issue of the newsletter of the Bridgeport area Mental Health Association, while presently serving on its Board of Trustees. She has also authored a book, "Songs of My Second Virginity."



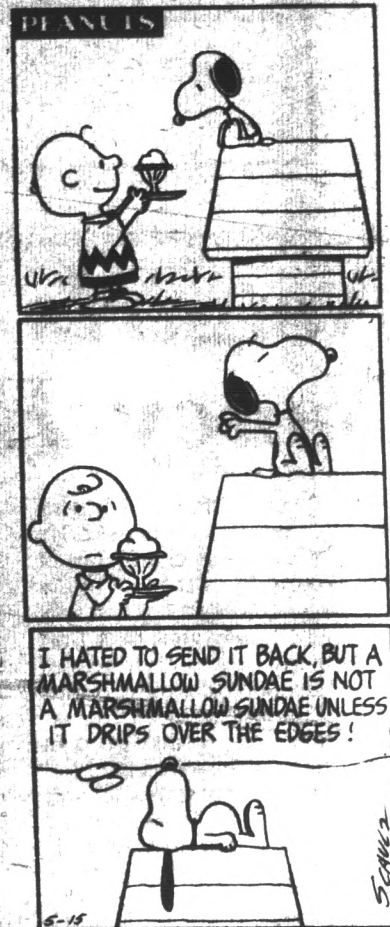
Ken Best

Pictures of the other editors were not available at this time.

## Accepts Award

Dr. Alfred G. Gerteiny, associate professor of history, has accepted a Fulbright Senior Faculty Research Fellowship. A Teirs-Monde specialist and author of several books and articles on Africa and the Middle East, Dr. Gerteiny will reside in Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt to pursue researches and studies into the Determinants of Foreign Policy there. He will begin his studies in June and continue through the Fall semester.

Dr. Gerteiny is a fellow of the African and Middle East Studies Association and has recently published "The Threat of Peace in the Middle East," in World Affairs, March, 1971, and contributed to Islamic Influence on African History, now being published by Boston University Press.



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Cathy Allen

Ken is a sophomore journalism major from Hillside, N.J. who also does occasional work in the public relations office here at the University.

Chris Lyons, a sophomore from Wantagh, L.I., and Mary Westwood, a journalism major from Billings, Montana, will be the news editors.

Chris, a former Scribe news reporter, will take over the Thursday newsdesk. Mary holds the Tuesday post with past experience as a reporter, former WPKN news director and deejay.

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# THE SCRIBE SPORTS

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## Netgirls retain state title Nancy Holt sparkles

The Purple Knight women's tennis team successfully defended its title as champions of the Women's State Tennis Tournament on May 7, 8 and 9 as sophomore Nancy Holt took first honors in the singles division and two Bridgeport doubles teams made the finals.

Holt, who was seeded third in the tournament, reached the final round by defeating Wesleyan's White with scores of 8-6 and 6-2 and then overcoming Martin of Trinity with a pair of 6-1 sets.

In the final encounter she downed teammate Peggy Flannery, the tourney's number one seed 6-0, 2-6 who reached the championship duel via two marathon three setters.

Flannery first faced Southern Connecticut's Koether and battled to a 7-9 6-3 5-1 victory. In the semi-final round she outlasted Perez of Western Connecticut 8-6 7-9 7-5.

Both Holt and Flannery are strong singles competitors who possess solid all-round games. Holt is the number one singles player on the women's squad sporting a 9-0 record, including tournament play.

Flannery holds down the number two post on the squad owning an unblemished record except for her loss to her teammate.

In the doubles competition, the final match will be played today at 1 p.m. at Seaside Park. The two teams competing will be composed of four University players, the number one seeded combo of sophomore Nancy Seidman and Kathy Martin, third singles player on the squad, and second seeded Kathy Gehan and Sue Woodrow.

Seidman and Martin gained the championship round by defeating Yale's DePeysta and Wassa 6-4 6-3 and later routing Connecticut

College's Peacock and Sullivan by a score of 6-0 6-1.

Gehan and Woodrow, the squad's number one doubles team, overcame Rohlen and Thome of Trinity 8-6 6-4 and in the semi-finals warded off Central Connecticut's La Liberti and Joyce 6-3 6-4.

The women's squad now has a perfect record of five wins and no losses for this season continuing last year's string of four wins in varsity competition, and two state championships.

## Seagull Bowl ends tough spring training

A seven week weight-lifting program and a strenuous twenty day Spring practice will terminate Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Annual "Seagull Bowl," in Seaside Park.

Coach Ed Farrell will pit the first string offense and defense (Purple), against the second team (White). He adds that "This is the players' day, and an enjoyable way for the team to end Spring practice."

On this day, Coach Farrell will view the game as any spectator would. The actual coaching duties will be assigned to

assistants, and he will look for the same things any other spectator would want to see. The players will call their own plays under actual game conditions. Coach Farrell emphasizes that all the plays used have been tested, previously, in practice.

There is intense rivalry among the assistant coaches and the squad. This is the time that Coach Farrell frequently finds the "game players," the top performers on the squad. Occasionally, the coach will find a player that will surprise him with a strong effort.

This year's team is strong in experience. Eighteen veterans will return for the Knights. Seven seniors will start on the defensive squad.

The offense, also will be packed with a strong established unit. Coach Farrell cites his tri-captains, defensive end Dan Carroll, offensive end Gary Cudmore, and secondary man Art DiBenedetto as three of the best gridiron performers in New England.

Bob Karmelowicz has had a good Spring at tackle, and Tom Tyndall strengthens the secondary at safety, according to Farrell.

The new players on the squad show potential, but are finding it very difficult to break into the veteran line-up.

Coach Farrell states that the inexperience problem is gone this year, and that if turnovers can be held down, the Purple Knights look good for the upcoming season.

## JVs edge New Haven Fiumarello, O'Boyle star

Tom Fiumarello and Don O'Boyle combined a five hit pitching performance to edge New Haven University 4-3 on Tuesday in New Haven. The Squires got what proved to be the winning run on squeeze play by Gary Marks in the sixth inning.

Fiumarello went 6 2-3 innings, allowing four hits and three unearned runs, and was relieved by O'Boyle, who nailed down the win for the Purple Knight junior nine. The JV's next game is against Housatonic next week.

The University of Bridgeport tennis squad smashed its way to its fourth straight victory as the Knight netmen shut out the University of New Haven 9-0 in a match played in Seaside Park on Tuesday.

The Knights have now upped their record to 4-3 on the season with only one match remaining.

Junior Al Rudman overpowered New Haven's Larry O'tell with a pair of 6-0 sets to take his sixth victory in seven matches in the first singles position.

Captain Ian Adler played in the second loner duel to soundly down Bob Dolan 6-1 6-1 while Fabian Napolsky, a senior, frustrated Macklin Kaplan by the same scores in the battle at third singles.

Forth singles man Barry Klapper subdued Joel Hershman with a 6-1 6-2 score to post his third win of the season and sophomore Steve Diamond took his fifth consecutive win when he

downed Jim Quinn 6-2 6-0. Bill Isakson was the victim of freshman Rich Troesch who picked up his second straight triumph with scores of 6-4 6-0 at the sixth singles position.

Klapper and Diamond combined to conquer Kaplan and O'tell 6-2 6-3 and take the first doubles encounter, while Troesch and Lionel Frank teamed to take a 6-3 6-4 duel at the second combo spot over New Haven's Dolan and Quinn.

Bridgeport's final match of the year will be tomorrow at Southern Connecticut State College when the netmen will try to avenge an early season loss. Southern was the last team to defeat the Knights. Match time is 2 p.m.

## Netmen fourth straight blank New Haven 9-0

Four members of the women's tennis team are from left to right: Nancy Seidman, Sue Woodrow, Nancy Holt and Peggy Flannery.



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## Nancy Holt first girl athlete of the week

Nancy Holt, the women's tennis team number one player, is the first woman ever to receive the athlete of the week award. She recently captured the 3rd State Women's Tennis Tournament, defeating teammate Peggy Flannery in the finals, after winning three straight matches to advance to the championship round.

In regular season play, Nancy

is not only undefeated, but has not lost one set to her opponents. She has totally outclassed opposition from the surrounding state colleges, to bring her overall record to 9-0 on the year.

Nancy is a Physical Education major from Setauket, New York, and as a sophomore should be a mainstay of future girls' tennis teams.



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SOPHOMORE NANCY HOLT displays the form that gave her an undefeated season, the women's state championship, and Scribe's athlete of the week.

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